

Reception News

Spring 1 Week 4 – 27th January 2023

What have we been learning?

- ◆ We have been learning all about the **Lunar New Year** festival this week. We listened to the story of how twelve animals had a race to see which order the years would be named after them. We showed that we were good at remembering the story because we each wrote a sentence about it afterwards. We have also made Lunar New Year cards, coloured in Chinese dragons, decorated Chinese flags, completed a colour-by-number rabbit (for the Year of the Rabbit), coloured in Chinese Lions on the PCs - the last one was lots of fun but quite tricky!
- ◆ This week we have been learning more of our digraphs and trigraphs We have looked at **ur**, **ow**, **oi** and **ear**. Even though these digraphs are quite tricky, we have been trying so hard to spot them when they are hiding in the middle of words. We have been practising writing all of these sounds too and our handwriting is really improving!
- ◆ In Maths we have been adding different amounts of objects and looking at number sentences to match which used the '+' and '=' symbols. We have also been learning to write the number **9** correctly with the help of "Nina **9**" on Ten Town.

Lunar New Year activities...

Homework

Literacy

- Sounds - especially new sounds **ur**, **ow**, **oi** and **ear** and practise correct formation of letters.
- Reading books - *please write us a comment every week to let us know how your child manages at home with their reading books. We really do value your comments.*
- Sight words - It helps the children to become much more fluent with their reading if they are able to recognise taught "tricky words" without needing to blend them. For example, they should now be beginning to recognise words like **is**, **it**, **in**, **at**, **as**, **and**, **on** & **has** as they are reading their books independently.

Maths

- Practise counting forwards from 1 to 20 and then backwards from 20 to 0. If this is tricky, try counting backwards from 10 to 0 initially and then gradually build up to being able to count back from 20.
- Practise forming number **9** in their yellow books and on the Ten Town website.